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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST, ETC., ETC.

"A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HID."

Mr. Robert Wheeler of Norway was in town Monday.

The winter term of Gould's Academy will close Friday.

Mrs. Charles Farwell is boarding with Mrs. Edmund Holt.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Chapman is improving.

Mrs. Gehring has gone to Boston accompanied by her son George.

L. L. Mason is on a business trip to Boston and vicinity this week.

Mrs. Phoebe Crooker of Locke's Mills called on friends here Monday.

Rabbits will be bought at the home of the late J. G. Rich after this date.

Mr. George Bryant of West Paris visited his brother, A. W. Bryant, last Sunday.

A party of Epworth Leaguers enjoyed a moonlight sleigh ride last Thursday evening.

F. L. Farwell came home from Boston Saturday on a short visit, returning Monday.

Miss Mary Cummings is stopping at Middle Intervale at the home of her cousin, Mr. Will Chaso.

S. J. Haselton took a trip with his team to Oxford last Saturday to visit his sister, returning Monday.

The members of the Epworth League were entertained last Monday evening at the home of Miss Lucy Fox.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farwell extend congratulations, the occasion being the arrival of a little daughter.

Eleven thousand, six hundred and forty feet of long hard wood lumber was sawed at the chair factory last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stowell are happy in caring for a little gentleman stranger who recently arrived in their home.

Saturday afternoon the Columbian Club met with Mrs. G. P. Bean and a very interesting programme was enjoyed by all present.

The Praying Band went to Norway Corner last Sunday, and next Sunday afternoon will hold a meeting at the school house at Northwest Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovejoy have been stopping at the Elms this last week. Mrs. Lovejoy has recently returned from a visit to her parents in Deering.

The members of all the Literary Clubs of Bethel are cordially invited to meet at Garland Memorial Chapel next Friday afternoon at half past two, for the purpose of forming a village federation.

The pastor's discourse at the M. E. church last Sunday, was on "The Person, Office and Work of the Holy Ghost to the World," this being the first of a series of sermons on the Holy Ghost; and next Sunday the subject will be, "Grieving the Holy Spirit."

Last Monday evening the Christian Endeavor held a Washington Social in Garland Chapel. The young ladies looked very pretty and quaint in their colonial costumes and with powdered hair. The evening was passed pleasantly and socially with games.

The ladies of the several literary societies are invited to meet the Columbian Club at Garland Chapel Friday afternoon at 2:30 for the purpose of forming a village federation of clubs. The work of each club will be represented by short papers from members of the several clubs.

The members of the Epworth League held a "Character Sociable" last Monday evening at the home of Miss Lottie Fox. Many of the leading poets, authors, singers and statesmen were represented by costumes; and original poems, songs, quotations and readings were rendered of the characters represented. Refreshments were served during the evening and all enjoyed a pleasant occasion.

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One of the Readers.

WAR REMINISCENCES

OF THE BETHEL COMPANY,

Company I, Fifth Maine Regiment.

By COL. CLARK S. EDWARDS.

NUMBER VIII.

Saturday evening, June 13th, we started on the Gettysburg campaign. We left the Rappahannock and moved on about eight miles to Potomac Creek, and remained there until Sunday evening, then marched on to Stratford Court House and thence to Dumfries.

This was the hottest day the 5th Maine had ever experienced; some of the corps fell and expired before assistance could be rendered. In the Bethel company three or four fell by the wayside. Captain J. B. Walker, who commanded the company at the time, was one of that number, and it was this day that he completed his military life in the Potomac army; I will speak of him later. We left this last named place Tuesday morning, marched seventeen miles and went into camp near Fairfax Station, and at this time met the first colored troops that came into the army of the Potomac, enjoying the luxury of bell tents. We found them guarding the army supplies, and looking after the Sanitary and Christian Commission goods, and I have no doubt about their great interest in private boxes, packages, etc. The good ladies of Otisfield sent me, for the regiment, a box made up of little things used in everyday life; underwear, socks, towels, soap, handkerchiefs, needles and thread, buttons, pins, and a hundred and one little things too numerous to mention. The box arrived safely, but minus the contents. It is needless to say our regiment was not in the best of humor, and we had to use more than moral suasion to hold the boys in check. We remained here one night and then tramped on to Fairfax Court House and went into camp. It was here we met the 25th and 27th regiments of nine months men. To say that the boys enjoyed soldiering at this place would be superfluous. They were so mixed up that they could with difficulty find their own quarters when night came. We could not always visit, and in no case in the Bethel company did I know of one receiving a card and sending back his servant announcing "not at home." Now comes the hardship of war. At three o'clock A. M., June 26, orders came for the army to move, and now followed several days of hard tramping and forced marches, such as have never been excelled, if equalled by any American army.

Lee's army had invaded the north and was rapidly advancing into Pennsylvania. The Sixth Army Corps, of which the Bethel boys were members, pushed on night and day, making only brief halts here and there. Feet were blistered, bodies were chafed and bleeding under belts and straps, yet the famous march from Manchester to Gettysburg, a distance of nearly forty miles, was made between ten o'clock of the evening of July first and four the following afternoon. As we neared Gettysburg the roar of cannons could be distinctly heard, telling us that a terrible conflict was being waged. The Sixth Corps led by the Fifth Maine Regiment arrived on or near the battle field about four o'clock, July 2nd, after a continuous march of eighteen hours, and all this after forced marches for five or six days. As our lines came up, the news spread throughout the union ranks, and cheer after cheer rang along the line. The Fifth Maine Regiment, in which there were still a good number of Bethel boys, was at once pressed forward into position, forming themselves into line of battle upon the side of Little Round Top, a point which was very prominent on this battle-field.

Our work was chiefly to hold this position, and was the first regiment of the Sixth Corps under fire. Our position was not very much changed during the following day, July 3rd.

The breastwork of rocks and stones that was made at this time still remains, or at least, much of it has been preserved. At about one o'clock in the afternoon the world-renowned artillery duel began. It has been pronounced the severest cannonading ever known in history. With no attempt to describe the battle of Gettysburg, I will say that shells burst in and around the ranks of the regiment, solid shot ploughed the ground both in front and rear, and the air seemed filled with the missiles of death, yet during the entire two hours' bombardment the regiment lost only four.

There was one man in particular in company "I" of whom many stories could be related. I refer to Rufus C. Penley, who was born in Norway, and was living at the time of his enlistment with his uncle Reuben at North Norway. His brother Ephraim was also a member of the Bethel Company. His father was Charles Penley, who was living in Portland. I well remember promising the father and mother before we left Portland, that I would inform them in case of the death of either son, that proper burial should be made, and that the graves should be distinctly marked.

Rufus died in camp at White Oak Church, Virginia, Dec. 28th, 1862. My promise to the bereaved parents was kept; while the casket in which he was interred was not what we would have wished it, being made of hard-tack boxes, yet it was better than many of his fellow comrades had. His remains now lie in Evergreen cemetery at Deering.

Penley was a fair soldier, though possessed of some peculiar characteristics, as will be seen in the following stories:

While we were in camp at Bush Hill near Alexandria, I remember sitting in my tent one day, when a huckster drove in among the boys with a wagon loaded with melons, peaches, cheese, butter and eggs. When he reached Company "I" he stopped near my tent and began at once an active business. The boys crowded about the wagon and quick sales were made. While the owner was busy with a customer, I remember seeing Penley filling his pockets with eggs from a basket that was somewhat concealed from the huckster's view. After filling his pockets with stolen eggs, Penley went a short distance away and was soon boiling the eggs for his dinner. A few minutes later I saw him sitting at his table—a hard-tack box—enjoying some of his eggs, but now and then he would open an egg and lay it down near his camp stool. Wondering what he would do next, I watched him. When he had finished his meal he picked up the eggs that were more aged, I presume, than fresh, and with a disgusted expression on his face, went to the huckster, showing him the rotten eggs and said in an earnest though stuttering manner, "d—d—dam you, selling rotten eggs to the soldiers." He demanded good eggs for the poor ones. The huckster readily consented, believing that Penley was a purchaser, and gave him a fresh supply. It has always seemed to me that this was a case of "cheek."

Penley was not the only soldier so effected. I remember him at Harrison's Landing on the James river, coming to me one day and saying, "Captain, I am hungry, will you let me go up to that house, pointing to a house not far away, 'to buy something to eat?'" I allowed him to go, though ordered him to report to me on his return. In two or three hours he came back loaded down with chickens, eggs, butter and many other things for his table. Knowing that he had no money, I asked him how he obtained these things. He replied, "Captain, I had in my pocket a piece of paper that was an advertisement of some kind of hair-oil. On this paper a figure five had been stamped. The paper had the appearance of money, something like a five dollar bill of the old state money. I gave this to the old lady, who in her ignorance accepted it and gave me not only these things that you see, but considerable change in silver." I replied to him as follows: "Well, Rufus, are you not ashamed of your money?" He looked up with an expression of scorn on his features which would have done honor to comical Brown, and said in his stuttering way: "Y—yes, I am d—d—dam—sorry that I gave her anything." I bit my lips and turned on my heel as he left. I thought the old lady would not add much to her bank account by this transaction. This was rather sharp practice without doubt, but Penley evidently believed in the saying, "all is fair in war," and his conscience, therefore, did not trouble him. In relating these incidents no reflection on the general worth and character of Penley is intended, for he was a man who did all that was asked of him, and sometimes more. Ephraim, his brother, was discharged for disability early in '63, and soon after went south, I think to Vicksburg, where he married and went into business. I received a letter from him some five or six years ago, in which he wrote me that he was trying for a pension. I have lately learned from a cousin of his that he died some three years ago in his southern home.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Letter From Worcester, Mass.

Worcester, Mass.

To the News:

You are to be congratulated on your Berlin edition, as it was a masterpiece itself, especially the News group with both proprietors, proof reader, copy holder, the compositors with their sticks and the boy with the galley, a printer's devil no doubt, as no news paper office would be complete without one; all bring to my mind the time I dabbled in em quods and en quods and spaces.

In 1879 I was press feeder for Brown Thurston, Exchange St., Portland, Maine, where I was obliged to stand on a plank to bring myself up to the required height, but in all the years that have followed have never succeeded to get beyond five feet. At odd moments I picked up the case, set up poetry, run it off on the proof press, and have always kept my first effort. At that time we printed the front half of the "Argus" in the afternoon, and the other side containing the daily news was run off at 3:30 A. M., in time to be delivered at six. Since then they have a beautiful press of their own in the basement of the same building.

Moving to Boston a few years later I served my time with J. H. Brigham on Milk St., who used to bring out the latest novels to be sold at railroad depots and news paper stands. At that time Allan Quatermain, by Rider Haggard, was published in a London monthly magazine, which was sent over every month and set up in book form, and was on sale very soon after the last portion was printed in London. The same with other works of the day, and I don't doubt but what he is there today, unless he is gathered to his fathers, developing "type-stickers" on an average of one every three months.

How we did enjoy setting up our "takes" and rushing from one to another to read what came before or after ours! It was an odd way to read a novel, one would say, but I assure you even the smallest detail is imprinted on my memory.

From there went to Cashman & Keating's, where they print "The Pilot" and Catholic magazines, and I had a change to ecclesiastical sermons, which took hours to decipher; there was a great deal of Yankee guess work, but strange to relate, in a short time becoming accustomed to the different chirography, succeeded beyond my expectations. Very often two would, through necessity, use the same galley, and after correcting our proof hand it over to the next, only to find in the end it would require re-correcting as all the last letters had a habit of dropping a line or two below.

My next experience was at J. S. Cushing's, where translations from Victor Hugo were in order, so I returned again to novels.

My health failing I went to Bethel to recuperate, as I was connected by marriage with one of its oldest families, and after a short time decided to connect myself directly with the same family, consequently I am interested in Bethel and all that pertains to it.

Speaking of your desire to obtain 1398 subscribers before that year; I think it would be a good idea to retain the old ones by sending all a two weeks' notice in the form of postals, notifying them of the expiration of their subscriptions, thereby enabling them to renew and prevent missing a single copy. I missed three last March and have never ceased to regret it.

Col. Edwards' Reminiscences are grand, but after it is completed in the paper it could be issued in pamphlet form, on sale, as it would be a serviceable way to keep it for the coming generation.

Mrs. Gehring's "Chit-Chat" is all that can be desired and the "Children's Column" a revelation, not forgetting the many interesting letters from all parts of the U. S.

You have prospered finely since June, 1895. Long may you prosper, is the wish of

N. H. T.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my deep gratitude to all who so kindly assisted during the illness, death and burial of my late husband, To the Masonic Fraternity, the singers and the many friends and neighbors who contributed flowers, and by many other acts of kindness showed their sympathy in my deep affliction.

Harriet N. Rich.

The death is announced at Waterville, of Rev. Benj. F. Shaw, aged 85 years. He was for many years a trustee of Colby University.

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Written for the News by the "Observer."

SUNDAY.

"We hear much of love to God; Christ spoke much of love to man. We make a great deal of peace with heaven; Christ spoke much of peace on earth."

MONDAY.

"We are nowhere promised happiness on earth—but blessedness."

TUESDAY.

"What'er you think, what'er you do, What'er your purpose or pursue— It may be small, but must be true." Ida Hahn-Hahn.

WEDNESDAY.

"To do heaven's work, do the nearest duty."

THURSDAY.

"Duty is severe, but it is the greatness of the soul." S. A. Brooke.

FRIDAY.

"Each can have what inspiration each will take." Parker.

SATURDAY.

"According to your faith, be it unto you."

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The Observer has just had a new experience; she has seen a horse laugh! Of course, in common with all the readers of the News, she has too often heard a "horse-laugh"—but a visible one never greeted her charmed sight lately, when hearing an unwonted noise in the street, she went to the window and there beheld a truly moving scene—in fact, it might have been called a moving "fall," for cantering up Mill Hill with all the courage of emancipation in its short legs came a run-away porker, with such a grim, Patrick Henry "liberty," and not death expression on its countenance, as fears of his approaching fate shook his predominant sides, that the Observer's sympathies were wholly with the brave struggle for freedom, and quite indifferent to the mental sufferings of the worthy butcher toiling up the hill in pursuit.

Close behind the gallant pig came a fine span of horses drawing a load, and the off-horse's expression caught her attention, for he was evidently convulsed with mirth. His mouth was curved up to his eyes in equine delight, but as she gazed he suddenly seemed to realize how wholly unhorsey such conduct must appear,—to be thus openly finding amusement in the evident distress of another, so he bowed his head upon his breast and mildly coughed in order to conceal his risibilities—but it was of no avail; as he again lifted his head the pig's failure as a racer was too much for his keenly developed sense of humor, and off he went, this time throwing back his head in a perfect abandonment of mirth, till his driver's attention was arrested, and with a "What yer bout thar" and a sharp flick of the whip, he was assisted in regaining self-composure, and disappeared around the corner.

The Observer immediately added this experience to others in which her soul has delighted in days gone by, when animals have seemed to possess characteristics in common with human beings—at least giving expression to emotions akin to human nature. Every one has some animal in mind whose loving intelligence has left a tender memory after its brief life has ended; and a love for animals always seems to indicate a certain refinement of feeling—indeed there have been characters in history whose humane springs of feeling seemingly never flooded excepting for the needs of animals.

When at Frederic the Great's favorite palace, "Sans Souci," we wandered through rooms that gave a painful impression of the dead king's character, for traces of littleness of soul, lasting all these years, are fearful legacies—such as the extremely narrow seats just outside his library door made, by his orders, purposely uncomfortable that the pages waiting there to serve his bidding day and night might not fall asleep, but be obliged to perch bolt upright. We seemed to see a row of sleepy little ghosts ranged in that dim corridor, and weird little yawns following us as we closed the door. You poor, dear, little pages! In further illustration, there is a suite of rooms wherein upon hangings, furniture, and screens he had had monkeys and parrots embroidered and painted in order to insult his so-called friend, Voltaire, by immortalizing what he was pleased to consider his friend's faults in this cruel fashion, and then inviting him to take possession of the suite as his own,—so there wasn't one least spark of admiration in the Observer's heart as she left the palace, for the man she declared she would ever after call, "Frederic the Little," but out upon a terrace in sight of his favorite window, she suddenly came upon a little horse and dog cemetery, where his pets had been laid at rest with such

marks of tenderness and care that she was forced to feel that somewhere in the dead king's heart there was a sweet spring from which his little dumb brothers were comforted, and therefore allowed her hardened heart to melt a little around the edges.

As animals seem to have expressions strangely akin to human beings, and, as expression is supposed to be the outward mark of an inward condition, let some illustrations taken from personal observation suggest to us what they may. We will not take the well known examples of passionate love, fidelity and heart-breaking grief which are so frequently met, but tell two little stories where lower motives seemed to comically "make the whole world kin." We already knew that animals remember and love, but we didn't think that they were conceited and envious—but we anticipate!

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Once, when driving by West Bethel corner, we saw a fine, dark yellow dog with an aristocratic head, an aldermanic stomach, and a magnificent white shirt front, sitting under a tree. His position was unusual, for he held himself stiffly erect with hardly a curve in his back, with his chin drawn into double folds, nostrils haughtily contracted, and a general expression of the most concentrated dog-dignity enveloping him like a mantle.

Instantly we drew rein and spoke to him, but to our mortification there was no response; not an ear quivered; the handsome tail never stirred, and, stranger of all, his eyes never changed their direction, never left their aristocratic, high level of absolute unconsciousness of our presence. Feeling strangely humiliated, we drove slowly on, still keeping our fascinated eyes upon his lordship, when just as we were with-drawing our reluctant gaze, his desire to see what impression he had made, slew him. He turned his eyes, and, seeing that he was caught, instantly re-stiffened himself with such an expression of invulnerable conceit and human weakness, that our shouts rent the skies. At last he had descended to our level; we were en rapport—our hour of abasement was ended.

One more snap-shot picture. We had driven up from the Southern Head of Grand Manan with an old fisherman and his mare, and lovely little frisking colt, to the village store for mail, molasses, and other good things, and were sitting in the wagon awaiting the pleasure of our driver, when down the quiet, grassy street came, evidently, the village belle among the cows. She was an exquisite, deer-like creature; a family pet, no doubt, for she was carefully groomed, and wore a scarlet collar with a sweet toned bell, which her tossing head jangled nervously. Her little feet hardly thought the ground quite good enough, and coquetry, love of admiration, and desire for power, were all intensified by motherhood. She had always reigned supreme, and here was a new claim which she was determined to enforce, for by her side shambled a very new and undisciplined calf, seeming to have no vested interest in its own legs, and lurching against its dainty mother in a discouraging manner, but the proud young mother was in raptures. Every toss of her head said, "Did you of course you never did, see anything so wonderful in every way as my calf?" When suddenly she caught sight of our gay little colt, who, sleek, glossy and graceful, was playing little pranks upon his patient mother. The poor young thing stopped short, "What was this—a new kind of cow-baby?" and one that even a fond parent must admit was far beyond her own. She stood like a statue for a full minute, with head outstretched and eyes protruding, then step by step, drew near to the little colt until her mouth rested upon its back; she sniffed carefully, then retreated, still keeping her fascinated gaze upon this formidable rival; suddenly she recovered herself with a toss of the head that sent the bell-jangling, she turned to the street she went, with all the contempt in the world expressed in tossing horns and flying tail—but alas! she turned her head once more just in time to see the little colt bound into the air, and as her poor, little, extremely plain daughter stumbled against her she lowered her irritable horns and sent her offspring half way across the road! Of course we have never seen anything akin to this terrible manifestation in human beings; we only mention it because—village belles always do make the very loveliest of mothers,—and—really, what were we trying to prove?

Old Mr. Dummond,

After years of patient study and experiment, has given to the world a preparation which is an absolute and permanent cure for every form of rheumatism; the price is \$5, but it is two large bottles—enough for a month's treatment—and will relieve the worst case from the first dose; sent by express to any address upon receipt of price, by the Dummond Medicine Co., New York, with full particulars and testimonials of wonderful cures.

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Mrs. Sarah J. Edwards.
 Keene, N. H., Jan. 25, 1897.
 Mrs. Sarah J. Edwards, widow of the late Preston, died at her home, No. 1 Madison St., this morning of heart failure, at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 12 days. She leaves three sons and two daughters, as follows: Jonathan B., William L., Albion V., Mrs. Sylvanus A. Morse of Keene and Mrs. Allie L. Lawrence of Medford, Mass.

Deceased was a native of Maine, and was married to the late Preston Edwards in Otsfield in 1833. They lived in Otsfield and Andover until 1872, when they moved to Keene, N. H. The funeral was held at her late residence Wednesday afternoon. The floral tributes were many, showing the high esteem in which she was held.

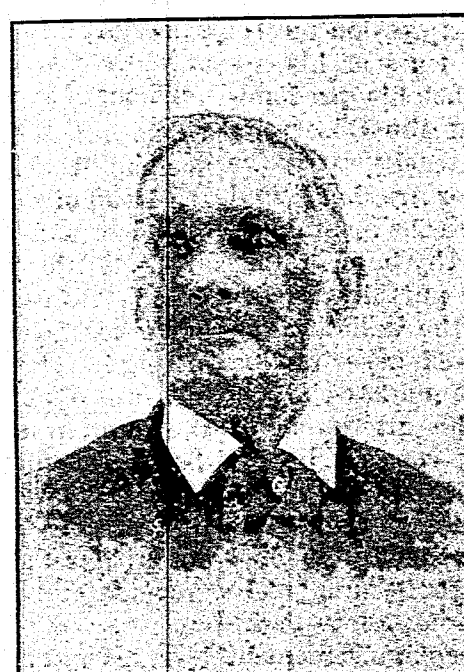
Rabbits.

Boys who have rabbits on hand had better hold them a few days longer, as I am expecting an order for a hundred.

Alonso Chapman.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Joshua G. Rich.
 "A long life, well spent." Than this, no truer epitaph could be written for the old friend who has passed from among us, and who will be missed so much in our village. A pleasant, genial old gentleman, he always had a cordial word for everyone he met, and it is safe to say that no one in the place was held in more loving esteem



than he. The poets' creed, "I love God, I love flowers, I love little children," might justly be claimed by him; thoroughly conscientious, upright and just, the first clause was proven by his following the injunction given of old, to "deal justly, love mercy and to walk uprightly." The second part, no one would doubt who had ever seen his garden in summer. "They are my life," he one day said to the writer, in speaking of his flowers. Much of his time was spent among them, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than to add some new or rare specimen to his large variety. He enjoyed giving them to other lovers of flowers, and to many an office and home sick-room did they go with their sweet messages, and from the solemn stillness of many a casket did their delicate perfume breathe the sympathy of the giver. He always noticed the little children, and his little friends enjoyed calling on him at his home.

For years he has been afflicted with a serious cardiac affection, from which he suffered intensely much of the time, but attended to his business affairs until within two or three weeks of his death, which occurred on Wednesday, the 17th of this month. The funeral services took place at the home on the Saturday following, the large number of relatives and friends present attesting to the high regard in which he was held in our community. Rev. Mr. Jordan's remarks were well chosen and sympathetic, and beautiful floral tributes were numerous.

Mr. Rich's life has been full of variety and adventure. He was born in New Sharon, Me., in April, 1820, and was educated in the common schools and Farmington high school. With all a young man's love of the unusual and adventurous, he found the quiet routine of country life unsatisfying, and went to sea as a sailor, in which capacity he served for five years, and as he expressed it, "roamed half the world over." At the age of twenty-two, he again took up his abode on land, in Roxbury, Mass., and shortly afterward was married to Miss Mary N. Day. When their first son was a small child, they left their home in Roxbury and travelled far into the wilderness of the Maine woods, then almost unbroken, and made a little home by the lakeside, twenty miles from any human habitation. Here they lived for many years, Mr. Rich hunting, trapping, and acting as guide. Long acquaintance with the vast

wilderness gave him greater familiarity with its "woodland ways," than almost any other man, and his services as guide were sought by surveyors, loggers and any others who for business or pleasure entered that well-nigh trackless region. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rich. Not many women would have had the courage Mrs. Rich displayed, isolated as she was, in a country infested with wild animals, alone with her little children, during the long trips her husband made trapping or guiding. They built and kept the first public house in the lake region, "Angler's Retreat," at Middle Dam.

In his later days Mr. Rich lived on a farm in Greenwood, and then came to Bethel, where he has lived for a number of years, serving as Trial Justice and conducting the Bethel Pension Agency, in which he was remarkably successful. Mrs. Rich died in 1884, and two years later Mr. Rich married Mrs. H. N. Gore, who survives him. He was correspondent for several papers, and wrote quite largely, for publication, of his adventures and of the Maine woods. We quote the following from one of his letters, which will give some idea of his life in the long years spent in the forest:

"Now I am more than seventy years old, it makes me tremble as I think of the narrow escapes and great perils I have been through by night and by day, in summer and winter, on water and under water, on mountains and in swamps, starving, freezing, overcome by heavy loads and traps, rain storms, snow and sleet, in the night time as well as day. I am not writing romance, but real life and experience, should one half of which be written in full, well spent, if any, would believe it. I never heard of a family in this state so isolated as we were. All the food and necessities of life, excepting fish and wild meat, had to be carried on my back twenty miles in winter, on snow shoes, over mountains, and only by blazed trees."

Children's Column.

Conducted by Lena B. Ellingwood.

We are pleased to receive contributions of all sorts, letters, stories, poems, etc., for this department, and all communications should be addressed to Mrs. A. D. Ellingwood, Bethel, Me.

Washington.

When Washington was president, As cold as any fable,
 He never on a railroad went,
 And never rode a bicycle.

He read by no electric lamp,
 Nor heard about the Yellowstone;
 He never licked a postage stamp,
 And never saw a telephone.

His trousers ended at the knees;
 By wire he could not send dispatch;
 He filled his lamp with whale oil grease,
 And never had a match to scratch.

But in these days it's come to pass,
 All work is with such dashing done—
 We've all those things, but then, alas!
 We seem to have no Washington!

May's "Comfort."

Little May had been very sick for six weeks, and had had to stay in her little bed all that time.

But one sunny morning brother Ned carried her to the window, and when May saw the lawn covered with grass and daisies, instead of snow, she clapped her hands and threw kisses to the flowers, and birds, and even to the sunshine.

When May was stronger, and could sit in the big armchair by the window, she was very happy for many days, with her picture books and dolls, and the dearest mamma in the world to read and talk to her.

But the very best indoor things get tiresome when one wants to run and play in the sunshine, and one day May was cross even to her mamma.

The morning after this "cross" day, May was lying in bed wishing she were well enough to play out, or have some one come to see her, when she suddenly heard a soft rap on her window.

She slipped softly across the room and raised the blind. There on the window sill sat a little white kitten, her soft paw just raised to give another pat-pat on the glass.

As soon as May opened the window Miss Kitty walked onto her shoulder and began to purr. Around the kitten's neck May found a blue ribbon, and a tiny pink envelope pinned to it addressed to "May."

Opening this, May read,
 Dear little mistress:
 I used to be Ned's kitty, but he thinks you would like to have me for a playmate.

He has taught me some tricks, and says I am a well-trained pussy.
 He wants you to love and care for me every day.

Will you, little mistress? If you will give me some milk now, I will thank you as Ned has taught me, and begin to love you, too.

My name is

"Comfort."

May gave Comfort a good hug and soft kiss, then took a saucer of milk from her little tray and put it down on the hearth-rug.

Kitty lapped it up eagerly to the last drop, then walked around the dish three times, stood up on her hind legs, and mewed in her softest voice, as though saying, "Thank you, little mistress, you are as kind as Ned said."

Kitty then washed and smoothed her pretty fur, till neither speck nor rough hair was left, curled up in May's lap, and purred herself to sleep.

May was never lonely after this, for Comfort proved the best kind of a playmate, and kept the little girl happy as a bird until she could play out of doors again.—E. J.

Milan, N. H., Feb. 19, 1896.
 Dear Editor:

I am going to try for the prize which I saw offered in the paper (Bethel News). I have been to school to-day and have every day, except one, for this term. School has been in session eight weeks, and I expect it to keep two weeks longer. I like my school very much. My teacher's name is Harry H. Witham. I am trying to get some subscribers for the YOUTH'S COMPANION, but don't think I shall succeed.

Yours truly,
 Edith Sawyer.

Greenwood, Feb. 17, 1897.
 Dear Editor:

I am a boy eleven years old. I go to school. My teacher's name is Alfred Starboard. He lives at South Paris. I like him very much. I will tell you more next time. Good bye. My name is, Grover C. Yates.

Word Hunt.

For the largest list of words sent to us on or before March 1st, 1897, obtained from the words, "Children's Column," we shall give as a prize, a nice book.

In Memoriam.
 George Burnham, one of the oldest, and most honored citizens of Gilead, passed from this life Feb. 9, after eighty-one years of full, rounded existence, the last of a family of seven to enter the life beyond.

He was born in Gilead, Feb. 2, 1816, the fifth child of Mary Adams and Perley Putnam Burnham, both of whom could trace their lineage in a direct line from old Puritan families, and on the paternal side was allied with the Putnams of Danvers, Mass., the family that produced the sturdy Revolutionary hero.

As a young man he early developed the qualities which in later years won the confidence of his townsmen and made him the acknowledged leader in every enterprise which was for the good of the community. At the age of twenty-one he was elected town clerk, and from that time on has filled every office in the gift of the people, holding some of them many successive years, and also represented his district in the State Legislature. He was a man of unimpeachable honor and integrity, and those who knew him never hesitated to place him in the positions of trust and responsibility, and he never betrayed the confidence reposed in him.

He was a true Christian, and though he never identified himself with the church, he was a generous contributor to it, and a leader in every movement to strengthen and sustain its work in the community.

In 1842, he married Florilla Burbank, daughter of James Burbank, and their union was blessed with nine children, six of whom, with his wife, still survive, four sons and two daughters. During all these fifty-five years of wedded life, he will be remembered by his family as a kind, indulgent husband and father.

A man of few words, but energetic in deeds, just in his judgments, tolerant in his beliefs, yet stern in his denunciation of wrong, one who never spoke ill of his neighbors, and never changed a course of action which he considered right, because of criticism or censure.

His whole life was passed in his native town, yet he was not narrow or provincial. He was broad in his interests and sympathies, and kept in touch with all the questions and movements of the day.

The weight of years had left their impress on mind and body, yet he was always cheerful and patient, and those who loved him and tenderly cared for him, though they will sadly miss his dear familiar presence, and sorrow for his loss, are also glad that the sturdy, energetic spirit is at last free from the trammels of the flesh, to enter into a new life and larger activities, "in the world that sets this right."

The funeral at his late residence was a quiet little service, conducted in a tender, impressive manner by Rev. Israel Jordan of Bethel, assisted by Rev. Henry Farrar. The four surviving sons acted as pall bearers, and as they gently lowered the casket to its last resting place, they could all say from their hearts: "He was a good man, a crown him, honor him, love him."

A Point to Remember.

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Mason, Maine, Feb. 17th, 1897.
 Miss Annie Merrill entertained a number of guests Tuesday evening, February 16. At the evening was passed very pleasantly playing progressive whist; there were five tables. At about half-past five Miss Merrill served cake and chocolate, after this the evening was pleasantly passed until about twelve o'clock, when all returned home feeling well pleased with the evening's entertainment. F. E. B.

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The Guess Social.
 To Miss Marion Chandler is due great credit in the role of hostess, for the enjoyable hours which the members of the Christian Endeavor Society and a few invited guests spent with her last Friday evening.

Before descending the stairs, each guest was given a card with a pencil attached, on which were the numbers from one to twenty-three; at the foot of the stairs all were surprised by being "decorated with more cards," various designs being tied to the blank surfaces; the symbols were both amusing and puzzling, ranging from a blooming rose to yarns, chains, cats and weird locks of hair.

The company was informed that these differing and yet similar decorations represented the titles of books, and each one was to guess first his or her own device, and then the others.

All immediately assumed a very serious demeanor, and became deeply interested in inspecting their own cards, and showed great curiosity concerning their "surrounding friends."

When the allotted time for guessing was spent, it was found that Miss Alice Russell was the fortunate winner of the prize, she having discovered the titles of twenty-four books.

The numbered cards were then brought into use by Miss Chandler inviting her guests to see how many they could recognize among the photographs of twenty-three men and women well known to the public, consisting of writers, ministers, singers, evangelists, etc.

After a few minutes given to deep thinking, the list of names was read and a few words indicating the life-work of these people, whose names are known and honored in so many homes, were given by those assembled. Miss Mollie Chapman appeared to have the largest knowledge of them, as she guessed the entire number.

A humorous recitation was given by Miss Hattie Foster, which went far toward proving the apparent timidity of young men when addressing the idol of their affections.

After this, dainty refreshments were served that seemed to be as well appreciated as the "feast of reason" which preceded and followed them.

Slips of paper were distributed on which was written half a proverb, all being requested to find the corresponding half; the company seemed to be well posted in proverbs, for the missing links were quickly found, and then each and all exercised their eyesight in hunting for a diminutive bit of paper that Miss Chandler had wickedly pinned to one petal of a white flower.

The guests concluded by this time that they had guessed as much as was necessary for one evening; but on bidding their hostess a cordial goodnight, they found one more surprise awaiting them in the shape of a lovely, green leaf from a literary salad, containing a quotation. Thus ended an evening full of pleasure and happy recollection for all.

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Cash in the company's principal office and in bank, 61,088.28

Premiums in the course of collection, 197,033.17

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LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1896.

Amount required to re-insure all outstanding risks, 61,306.19

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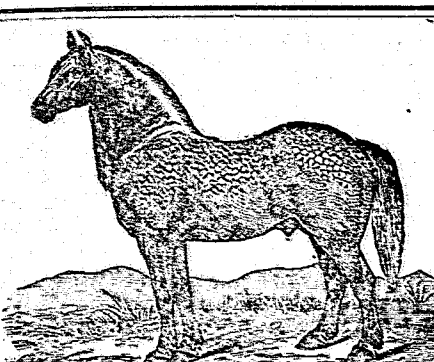
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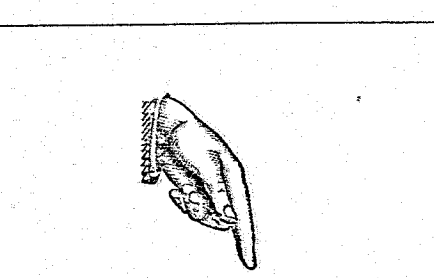
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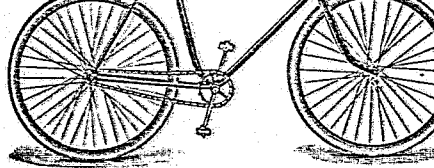
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THE COUNTY NEWS.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

You are earnestly requested to send us the news from your locality every week. If you get out of stationery drop us a line.

In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.

The poet shortly will begin to sing Of winter in going in the lap of spring. The cackling geese will shortly northward fly.

In zigzag flocks, sight pleasing to the eye, Soon, soon the farmer, plodding o'er the lea, The "earliest robin" of the spring will see.

His neighbor, hearing this, will laugh "Ho, ho, I saw the first one more'n a week ago."

Gilbert Coffin, of Locke's Mills, was in town Thursday.

Elmer Briggs came home from Gilead Saturday, and went back Sunday.

Perley Andrews and Viola E. Cummings, of Albany, were in this place Friday.

Edith Briggs is stopping for two weeks with her sister, Mrs. John Wight, of Gilead.

Bert Tyler drove down from Groveland, N. H., last week, and called on some of his old friends here Saturday.

G. B. Lowell, whom we should have reported on the sick list had our items appeared in last week's News, is now able to attend to his daily work.

Nathan G. Mills was seventy-three years old the 20th inst., and in the forenoon he walked ten miles before 11 o'clock. After dinner he drove to this village on business and is much more active than many young men.

We clip the following recipe from one of our exchanges:

A Sure Cure For Scandal

Here is a cure for a terrible disorder of the mouth, commonly called "scandal": "Take of 'good nature,' one ounce; of a herb called by the Indians 'mind your business,' one ounce; mix these with a little 'charity for others,' and two or three sprigs of 'keep your tongue between your teeth.' Application."

The symptoms are a violent itching of the tongue and roof of the mouth, which invariably takes place while you are in company of a species of animals called gossips.

When you feel a fit of it coming on, take a spoonful of the mixture hold it in your mouth, which you will keep closely shut till you get home, and you will find a complete cure. Should you apprehend a relapse, keep a small bottleful about you, and on the slightest symptom repeat the dose."

NORTH NORWAY.

Mrs. Symonds has returned from Gray.

Oscar Cox is hauling ash timber to South Paris.

Farmers are hauling saw-dust from Willis's Mills.

Asaph Richardson and family are visiting in Bethel this week.

Miss Chick from Harrison, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Foster.

Sewall Austin's son, Edwin, twenty-two years old, died Thursday of pneumonia.

Wm. Emery, the "wonderful clock tinker," has been in this region repairing clocks of late.

Mrs. Alonzo Heath has gone to take care of Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Heath is one of the best of nurses.

GILEAD.

Maggie Bennett had a party last week.

The weather and sleighing are very fine now.

Mr. Bennett has his houses nearly all done; now the village needs electric lighting and guide boards.

EAST STONEHAM.

There is very little news. Hilton McAllister of the north part of the town is some better.

The general health seems to be as good as usual at this season.

J. Bartlett has a crew of men cutting timber. His mill is running.

Mrs. Georgia McAllister is quite sick. She is under medical treatment.

The railroad in prospect, and the coming town meeting, are the principal topics of conversation.

GREENWOOD.

Business is brisk now. Mr. Geo. C. Cole is getting on with his birch finely.

Mr. F. J. Willis is now sawing lumber for Mr. Brown of West Paris.

The school exhibition of Saturday night, given by the scholars of Greenwood City, was a grand success. The school closed, Friday, with good attendance. The teacher, Mr. A. Starbird of South Paris, taught the school with good success. He is a fine teacher.

LOVELL.

Annie Walker is visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. James Chandler is visiting her daughter in Saco.

Mrs. Almira Fox has been quite sick, but is somewhat better now. The ladies circle will be entertained next Friday by Mrs. Willis Walker and Mrs. Frank Emery. A drama will be given for entertainment.

UPTON.

Mrs. D. McLeod is boarding with J. Burke.

Mrs. H. F. West has been visiting friends in Bethel.

Mrs. Wm. Whitney is stopping with her parents for the winter.

Summer Sargent and S. Moore are busily engaged hunting foxes.

H. Higgins and his straw hat have been in town the past week.

A. W. Jenkins has been in Hanover on business the past week.

Mr. Choate, the Berlin Mills surveyor, was in Berlin over Sunday.

Vernie Sargent is at home from Colebrook, where he has been employed.

Photographer Bartlett of Norway has been visiting the lumber camps in this section and has done a rushing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sargent have gone into the woods for H. M. Lombard for the remainder of the winter, he having severed his connection with L. Bragg.

Mr. C. E. Ryerson has lately purchased four heavy draft horses, making eighteen he now owns. It would be hard to find a team their equal in this part of the state.

BROWNFIELD.

Masquerade ball at Town hall next Thursday evening.

Business is very dull; McKinley times are not what they were expected to be.

J. L. Frink has returned from So. Paris, where he has been attending court the past week.

Dr. H. F. Fitch, S. N. Adams, E. L. Frink and W. H. Boynton were in Portland, Saturday.

The new Brownfield band is getting fine. By the time "summer comes again" we will have concerts on the Common.

RESOLUTIONS.

The lesson of human mortality was again brought most forcibly to Bethel Grange, Feb. 6, 1897, by the passing of Mr. Hiram A. York from this to the unseen world, therefore;

Resolved, that in the death of Mr. York, Bethel Grange has lost a most highly esteemed brother; one whose interest in the order has continued undiminished for twenty two years, and whose fraternal regards for its members was proven by kindly remembrance in the closing hours of his life.

Resolved: That the town of Bethel has sustained the loss of an intelligent, honorable and upright citizen, and of a skillful craftsman, whose workmanship, while serving its destined purposes, will long abide as monuments to his memory.

Resolved: That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and children of the deceased upon whom falls most heavily the weight of this sorrow; and while we know words of sympathy seem to suffering hearts almost a mockery, we would only remind them of that world where sickness, sorrow and parting are unknown, and where the redeemed of the Lord dwell forever.

T. H. Chapman, Committee. M. B. Chapman, on L. M. Valentine, Resolutions.

NEWRY.

There will be a lyceum in the Branch school-house next Saturday night.

There was a dance in the hall Friday night, also a lyceum in the vestry Saturday night.

Mrs. Agnes Kilgore, wife of Woodbury Kilgore, passed away from this life Monday morning, Feb. 15th, after an illness of a few months.

WEST BETHEL.

Griaffil B. Lowell has been quite sick for some days.

John Wight, of Gilead, was in this place on Sunday last.

Eugene A. Briggs came up from Bethel Sunday on the newspaper train.

Albert W. Grover and wife, of Bethel Hill, were at E. G. Wheeler's Sunday.

Miss Emma A. Briggs went to Gilead Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. Ella Wight, and returned Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie A. Grover spent three days of last week with her sister, Mrs. Addie Lapham of Bethel, and came home Saturday.

Not many years ago a few simple minded people mistook the planet Venus for an electric light, and since the same planet has once more become the brilliant star of the evening in the western sky, the same hallucination is again revived. Is it not sacrilege to call one of God's most beautiful creations the work of the hands of man? Watch the shining planet for the next two months, and you will see that in May it becomes a morning star.

The "Song of Sixpence" was so very clearly and reasonably explained by Mrs. Mason, in last week's News, that the writer certainly deserves the thanks of all. Some of the jingles of dear old "Mother Goose" have always been perfect enigmas to us. What explanation can Mrs. M. give us of the following?

"Three children sliding on the ice, Upon a summer's day; As it fell out they all fell in, The rest they ran away."

Now had these children been at home, Or sliding on dry ground, Ten thousand pounds to one penny They had not all been drowned."

MILAN, N. H.

Two candidates for initiation at the next Rebekah meeting.

A. C. Wight has been laid up with rheumatism for the past week.

Agnes Holmes and Lottie Brown visited with Bertha Taylor last week.

Arthur Hibbard and wife are at home from Kilkenny, where he is at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp of Groveland, were visiting friends here a few days last week.

A number of our young people visited at N. Wheeler's logging camp on evening last week.

BRYANT'S POND.

Chase & Co. have just put a new boiler into their printing office.

H. J. Libby has opened a circulating library in the post-office building.

Mr. John Archibald and daughter, of Lancaster, are visiting friends in town.

MAGALLOWAY.

M. Geo. Fairman, of Colebrook, was in town Friday.

Hiram Higgins passed up through town Saturday.

There has come about ten inches of snow this week which has improved the logging roads very much.

W. W. Linnell, who has been hauling logs for the Spauldings, will send three more teams into the woods, Monday.

GROVER HILL.

R. L. Paine is at work for S. J. Walker.

F. Bennett is hauling birch to West Bethel.

Geo. Harden cut ice for Peter Wheeler last week.

Alonzo Haynes is out of health at the present time.

Mrs. Fox is Mrs. Ella F. Lyons' nurse at the present time.

R. B. Mayberry recently sold a nice pair of oxen to H. R. Godwin.

Granville Blake of Milan, N. H., visited at A. L. Whitman's recently.

Mrs. A. V. Walker visited her children at Bethel, a few days last week.

Nelson Wheeler of Milan, N. H., called on relatives in this section a short time ago.

Gwendolyn Stearns was the recipient of a lovely valentine from a cousin in Portland.

G. L. Grover and True Browne are cutting cord wood since they finished cutting spruce.

We learn that A. B. Grover hauled forty cords of spruce to the river in five days from the Wheeler place a few weeks ago.

LOVELL CENTER.

Ira Heald has got up a fine set of horse sleds.

Lyman Martin is home from Lawrence, Mass.

Frank Meserve is at home on a vacation from Portland.

A. A. Fowler is at home on a vacation from Cumberland Mills.

Clinton Milliken is at home from Deering, Me., where he has been doing carpentering.

Feb. 2nd, a meeting was called to see if the town would vote to raise the sum of \$3,000 to help build the electric railway from East Stoneham to North Lovell, but it was soon abandoned.

As Inez Fowler and another lady were going down to the center of the town, when about half way down they heard what they thought to be someone in distress, but when they got to where the sound was, it was nothing but G. A. Kimball's wind mill in distress. I should advise Mr. Kimball to apply a portion of St. Jacob's oil to relieve the poor thing.

FRYBURG HARBOR.

The weather has been fine here the past week, but looks like a storm now.

Schools closed in Harbor and Fish St. districts, Friday. Both schools have had a very pleasant term.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guptil had a wooden wedding last Wednesday evening. There were about a hundred and twenty-six in attendance and a very pleasant occasion was enjoyed by all.

Miss Shedd gave a fine school exhibition in the evening, and a large company was in attendance. Miss Shedd is an expert in such work.

PROGRAMME.

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ON THE CLERMONT.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRST VOYAGE OF
FULTON'S STEAMBOAT.

A Group of Women Who Made the His-
tory Trip—How the Engagement of the
Inventor Was Announced—Predictions
Made by Chanceller Livingston.

Heavenly Smith, in the Cen-
tury, has a paper on "A Group of An-
cient Girls in the Century," which
gives pleasant glimpses of Chanceller
Livingston and Robert Fulton. The
chancellor invited several of his fair
cousins to make a trip from New York
to his home at Clermont, in a new boat,
Miss Smith says:

The "new boat" of the letter was the
newly celebrated Clermont, the steamboat
of Robert Fulton, which in August,
1807, made the first successful steam
voyage up the astonished Hudson and
demonstrated to the world that a new
force had been discovered by which old
methods in nearly all lines were to be
revolutionized.

Very likely, with all their loving
confidence in the wisdom of the chan-
cellor, the sisters embarked with some
distrust of his new boat's making good
his promise to get them home in less
than three days, even if both wind and
tide should prove unfavorable, but they
were not afraid of anything worse than
delay, though most of their friends
feared for them. During the nine years
that had passed since "Robert R. Liv-
ingston and Robert Fulton had first se-
cured the concession to navigate the
waters in New York state for 20 years,
providing they should build a boat of
not less than 20 tons, that would go
less than four miles an hour against
wind and tide," the subject had been so
often talked over in their presence that
the sisters were already quite intelligent
upon it and laughed at the fears of their
timorous friends.

The embarkation was from a dock
"near the state prison" (which was in
Greenwich village, on the North
river) and was witnessed by a crowd of
"not less than 500 persons." Many were
friends of the passengers, who bade
them farewell with as much solicitude
as if they were going to Madagascar,
especially trembling with apprehension
at the "terrible risk run by sailing in a
boat full of fire."

The adventurous voyagers, who were
the guests of Robert Fulton and Chan-
cellor Livingston, were about 40 in num-
ber, including not a few ladies. Among
the latter, besides our two young sisters
and their aunt, Mrs. Thomas Morris
(daughter-in-law of Robert Morris, the
financier of the Revolution), were at
least one of the chancellor's two daugh-
ters, four of the many daughters of his
brothers, John R. and Colonel Harry, and
a young lady who was more interested
in the success of this memorable expe-
dition than any one save the inventor
himself. In all the biographies of Ful-
ton Miss Harriet Livingston is called the
chancellor's niece, but she was really
his cousin. She was beautiful,
graceful and accomplished woman and
had long given her heart to Robert Ful-
ton. The fair Harriet was at this time
about two and twenty and "deeply in
love with her handsome, gifted lover as
any girl could be." There were many
well distinguished and fine looking
men on board the Clermont, but my
grandmother always described Robert
Fulton as surpassing them all. "That
man," she used to say, "was the only
man I ever loved."

A little before reaching Clermont,
when the success of the voyage was well
assured, the betrothal was announced
by the chancellor in a graceful speech,
in the course of which he proposed that
the "name of the inventor
descend to posterity as that of a benefi-
cator to the world, and that it was not
impossible that before the close of the
present century vessels might even be
able to make the voyage to Europe with-
out other motive power than steam."

This happy prediction was received
with moderate approval by any,
while smiles of incredulity were ex-
changed between those who were so
placed that they could not be soon by the
speechmaker or the inventor. John R.
was heard to say in an aside to his cousin,
John Swift Livingston, that "Bob
had made a big mistake in doing so."
Now, but this steam folly would prove
the worst one yet. "But the chancellor's
brothers lived to see the ocean regular-
ly traversed by steam vessels, but the
prophet himself and the inventor both
passed away before the realization of
their dreams."

The Sleeping Disease.

On the western coast of Africa there
is a singular and always fatal malady,
which is known as the sleeping disease,
says the Pittsburg Dispatch. The person
attacked by it is seized with a sensation
of drowsiness, which continues to in-
crease in spite of the fact that he is
thrown off. Finally the patient sinks
into a profound sleep, which continues
for about three weeks, or until death
ensues. The most curious feature of the
disease is that, aside from the drowsi-
ness, the patient seems much as usual.
The pulse, respiration and temperature
are normal, while he may be easily
aroused and will take nourishment and
answer questions in a perfectly natural
manner.

POISONOUS POTATOES.

An Alkaloid Called Solanine Does Great
Damage Sometimes.

It is not very rare to see serious ac-
cidents happen by poisoning from the
use of poisonous food. It is especially
supplied by contract, as in schools, pri-
sons and barracks, and astonishment is
expressed that this precious and highly
estimated food stuff should be capable
of doing such mischief. It is well to
know that the potato, even when abso-
lutely sound, contains a certain amount
of a vegetable alkaloid called solanine.

The remarkable point is that this sol-
anine is much more abundant in winter
than in summer; whereas it amounts to
.044 per kilogram from November to
February, it reaches the figure of .236
in July and August. This evil would
be lessened if the potatoes were not
allowed to grow in the soil, but it is fur-
ther increased by the process of germination
and putrefaction of the potato. The use
of potatoes deteriorated in this way may
be said to be a cause of poisoning, and it
is not surprising that only a few days
after vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, dil-
ated pupils, convulsions and profuse
sweating.

It is usually in the months of June
and July that these accidents occur, and
the moment when the potatoes of the
preceding year have begun to germinate
and rot. The contractors of the above
mentioned establishments send these po-
tatoes there, since they have no longer
any marketable value, because the new
potatoes are already large and reduced
in price.

It is therefore necessary to watch
these supplies in a most careful manner,
and to refuse potatoes that show any
black or softened spots or that have be-
gun to germinate. As a general thing
potatoes need in eating should be as
fresh as possible.—Paris Herald.

A FIREWATER SPRING

SANGUINARY PLANS OF WILD INDIANS
CLEVERLY FRUSTRATED.

How a Survivor on a Government Reser-
vation Laid Out a Band of Red Devils
With Forty Rod Whiskies and Saved the
Lives of Six Prisoners.

A Star man happened to meet a man
who had served a term or two or three
in various penitentiaries, hadn't served
several he should have served and is
likely to serve more before he is through
with himself. Of course that kind of a
man was interesting, and after a time,
when he got to talking under the mel-
lowing influence of things made for the
purpose, he was more interesting.

"When I was 15 years younger than
I am now," he said, "I was out in the
mountains of the west on a government
reservation, where I could make money
by selling whisky under post prices. I
was always on the make, and so I smug-
gled in a dozen or more gallons and had
them hid in a cave ten miles or so out
of reach. The cave was a kind of a two
story affair, the upper story being my
secret, and there I had my jugs of liq-
uor hid away and from there I carried
it out in smaller quantities for distribu-
tion. The lower part of the cave was
30 feet below the upper chamber, and
in this part was a basin of water, which
had dripped from the upper part. It did
not contain more than a few gallons of
water. I knew it was easily exhausted, for
I spent many a night there, and found
there wasn't water enough to boil a kettle
with."

"Well, about the time I got in my
second installment of fire juice the In-
dians got bad and began creeping in
toward the settlements. I thought my
cave was unknown to the Indians as
well as the whisky, but it appeared that
it wasn't, and one morning I barely had
time to slip out of my down stairs room
and get up in the loft before 10 or 12 of
the reddest looking braves you ever
saw came in a crowd of my residence
and began holding a council of war. In
half an hour or more all of them except
one went away, and he remained to
keep watch."

"At last three returned with five
white prisoners, and at 6 o'clock the rest
of them came in with a girl about 4
years old. Just what they were going to
do was not apparent, and it wasn't
till they had taken a drink or two of
my whisky that I saw what they were
up to. I was in danger of getting caught
myself. I did see enough, though, to show
me that the five white prisoners, who
were all old men, hadn't been taken for
their lives, but that the child would be
carried away. To save myself I had
been my first thought, and now to save
these poor wretches was first."

"I did what I could to save them, but
I gave it up as a bad job when the In-
dians went to the spring and got some
water. That was my cue. In a minute
more I was back up in my chamber, just
as the head of the first Indian came
having turned the drip into another
channel, I started a stream of that kill
at 40 rod whisky down the shoot and then
slipped back to watch the proceedings.
They were drinking when I killed them,
and I knew enough Indian to know that
I was in danger of getting caught myself.
When I saw that they were about de-
termined to hold them over a day and
see if they could pick up a few more
and have a real big time, another of
my friends came in and told me that
this time it wasn't so much water as it
had been. Whatever it was made the
ugly redskins a big 'Ugh' of delight and
the others went over to him. Well, it
was necessary for me to go into par-
ticulars."

"Anybody, even a reporter, knows
what becomes of an Indian or a dozen
of them when they are unlimited quan-
tities of alcohol at their disposal, and
as soon as I saw how the thing was
going I hurried back and set 'another jug
to work. I was a little afraid they might
get ugly drunk and kill their prisoners,
but evidently they hadn't had much
yet, and they were getting around the
little basin of the spring so drunk they
could not move hand or foot."

"Then it was my time to play, and I
cocked up the liquor upstairs for another
day and went down to the spring. There
wasn't much time for thanks, because
I didn't know when the enemy might
make it unpleasant for us. So I told the
prisoners to take care of the Indians
while I was away, and I went to the
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